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1. QUAI DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR ASIA DUZER TOLD EMBOFF HE HAD DISCUSSED KOREAN PROBLEM IN UN WITH POLITICAL DIRECTOR LABOULAYE, WHO SOMEWHAT DOWNPLAYED IN THIS CONVERSATION THE "JURIDICAL QUESTIONS" HE RAISED IN CONVERSATION WITH CHARGE (REFTEL). DUZER SAID THAT JURIDICAL QUESTIONS OBVIOUSLY WERE RAISED BY ANY EFFORT TO SUPERSEDE 1953 ARMISTICE AGREEMENT; HOWEVER POLITICAL PROBLEMS, DUZER NOTED, WERE MORE CRUCIAL THAN JURIDICAL QUESTIONS. LABOULAYE'S QUESTIONS DID NOT IN ANY CASE IMPLY LACK OF FRENCH SUPPORT FOR FRIENDLY RESOLUTION. QUAI WAS STILL IN THE PROCESS OF STUDYING THE TEXT AND MIGHT SOON COME UP WITH SUGGESTIONS FOR NEW WORDING TO MAKE THE RESOLUTION MORE APPEALING. WHILE DUZER THOUGHT IT UNLIKELY RESOLUTION WOULD PASS, HE THOUGHT IT IMPORTANT THAT EVEN A LOSING VOTE SHOULD BE AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE.

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2. AS FOR LABOULAYE'S MENTION OF THE NEUTRAL COMMISSION, DUZER NOTED THAT KIM IL SUNG HAD CALLED UPON IT TO INVESTIGATE AND CONDEMN THE PRESENCE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN SOUTH KOREA AND TO CALL FOR WITHDRAWAL OF AMERICAN FORCES, WITH THEIR NUCLEAR WEAPONS. DUZER COMMENTED THAT LABOULAYE HAD PERHAPS BEEN SCMEWHAT CLAIRVOYANT IN REFERRING TO THE NEUTRAL COMMISSION, SINCE NO REFERENCE HAD BEEN MADE TO IT FOR SUCH A LONG TIME.

3. COMMENT: DUZER GAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT LABOULAYE WAS JUST "THINKING OUT LOUD" AND THERE HAS BEEN NO BASIC CHANGE YET IN THE FRENCH POSITION WHICH IS TO REDUCE THE UN ROLE IN KOREA (NOT INCREASE IT AS ONE MIGHT INFER FROM LABOULAYE'S EARLIER REMARKS). GOF STILL HOPES SOME COMPROMISE MAY EMERGE AND WILL SUGGEST MODIFICATIONS IN FRIENDLY RESOLUTION TO THAT END. AS DUZER REMARKED, GOF WOULD END UP SUPPORTING THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION BUT WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT CO-SPONSOR IT.
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